

# WSA, USSA, AND LOBBYING!

# Washington Student Association

- WSA is the only student led organization in Washington that represents, serves, and protects the collective interests of students attending public post-secondary education.
- 150,000 Students Strong
  - 11 Public Universities
    - Western, UW-Tacoma, UW- Bothell, UW-Seattle, UW Graduate Professional Student Senate, Central, Bellevue College, Eastern, WSU-Pullman, WSU-Vancouver, and Evergreen State College



# WSA Leadership!

- Staff
- Executive Board
- Board of Directors





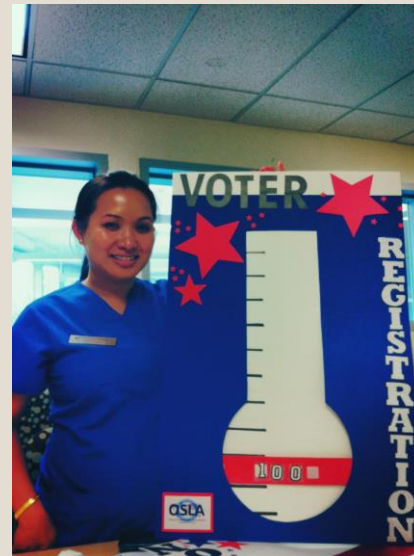
# Board Meetings and General Assemblies

- Meets once a month in different locations around the state
- Meets in May and August for General Assembly



# Vote Work!

- Vote Coalition! (Washington Bus, Win/Win Network, and WashPIRG)
- Registered 5,721 voters in 2013





# Lobby Day

- Member campuses send students down to Olympia to meet with legislators, advocate for our legislative priorities, and participate in a public demonstration outside the Capital Building



# How to get involved with WSA!

- General Assembly
- WSA Board Meeting at Western December 13<sup>th</sup>!
- Voter Registration
- GOTV
- WSA Lobby Day



# United States Student Association

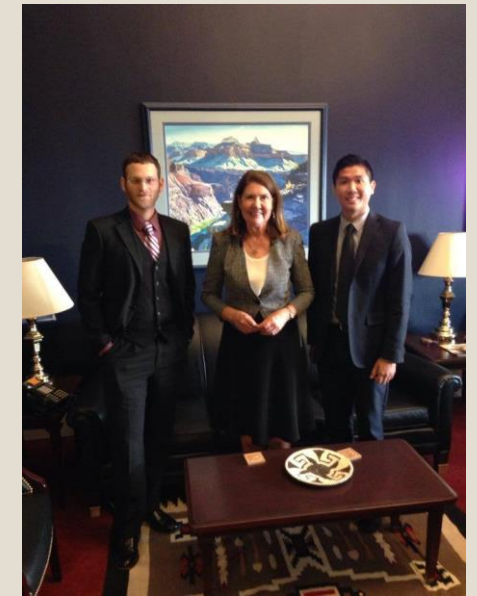
- Vision: The student members of the United States Student Association work together with a vision for a just society in which generations of representative leaders understand their power and engage and empower diverse communities to create social change
- Mission: The United States Student Association, the country's oldest, largest, and most inclusive national student-led organization, develops current and future leaders and amplifies the student voice at the local, state, and national levels by mobilizing grassroots power to win concrete victories on student issues.





# USSA Leadership!

- National Officers
- Board of Directors
- National Staff



# National Student Congress

- Workshops
- Caucuses and Affiliates
- Congress Committees
- Plenary
- Elections





# National Grassroots LegCon

- Workshops
- Caucuses and Affiliates
- Lobbying





# Caucuses, Coalitions, and Affiliates!

- People of Color Student Coalition, Women's Student Coalition, and Queer Student Coalition
- Community College, Graduate/Professional Student, International Student, La Coalicion, Multi/Bi Racial, National Asian Pacific American Student, National Coalition of Students with Disabilities, Non Traditional/First Generation, Students of the Jewish Community, National Queer Student of Color, People of African Decent, People of Middle Eastern and South Asian Decent, First Peoples, Veterans , Women of Color, Working Class, and DREAM Caucus.

# Legislative Victories!

- Additional \$17 billion for Pell Grants
- TRIO Receives \$13 million increase
- USSA selected by Department of Education to represent student interest



# How to get involved with USSA!

- LegCon
- Trainings (EAT and GROW)
- USSA staff come to campus!
- USSA Board Meetings (Western will be hosting one in May)





# Lobbying!

- Lobbying is not a scary word!
- Why do we lobby?
- What opportunities do you have to lobby?
  - Leg Con
  - City Council Meetings
  - Viking Lobby Day
  - WSA Lobby Day
  - Western Advocate's Community Lobby Day
  - Individual Issue Specific Lobby Day



